

Preliminary Amendment

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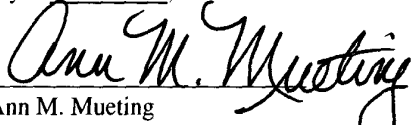
For: CRYSTALLIZATION AND STRUCTURE OF STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS PEPTIDE DEFORMYLASE

Remarks

This amendment is being submitted to claim priority to provisional applications per 37 C.F.R. §1.78(5).

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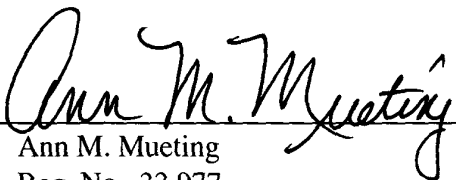
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

<p>CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:</p> <p>The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper is being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this <u>5</u> day of October, 2001.</p> <p> Ann M. Mueting</p>

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**APPENDIX A - SPECIFICATION/CLAIM AMENDMENTS
INCLUDING NOTATIONS TO INDICATE CHANGES MADE**

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Amendments to the following are indicated by underlining what has been added and bracketing what has been deleted.



In the Specification

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, has been amended as follows:

This application claims the benefit of [the] U.S. Provisional Application [Serial] No. 60/215,550, filed June 30, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/215,555, filed June 30, 2000, both of which [is]are incorporated herein by reference in [its entirety] their entireties.